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Recommendations of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the Townshend Committee's report.

1373 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: With reference to the answer to question No. 803 answered on 29th November 1928 regarding the recommendations of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the Townshend Committee's report, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether all the recommendations of the Registrar have been received;

(b) whether definite orders have been passed by the Government on each recommendation;

(c) whether such orders will be placed on the table of this House;

(d) if no orders have been passed, whether the Government are aware that the recommendations made by the Committee are being asked to be adopted by means of circulars by the Registrar; and

(e) whether the Government have permitted the Registrar to adopt the recommendations without passing any definite orders themselves?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not now arise in view of answer to clause (b).

(d) & (e) The Registrar is issuing circulars only with regard to the adoption of some of the recommendations which do not require the orders of Government.

Liquidation of the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society.

1374 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report said to have been called for in the answer to clauses (b) to (f) of question No. 804 answered on 29th November 1928 regarding the liquidation of the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society has been received, and if so, what it is; and

(b) why the Government refused to place on the table of this House the report of the Registrar concerning the working of the co-operative society referred to in answer to clause (a) of question No. 804, dated 29th November 1928?

A.—(a) The report has not yet been received.

(b) The Government did not consider it necessary.

[For further unstarred question please see page 600 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Irrigation

Investigation of the Kistna left bank canal.

*1375 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) in what stage the investigation to extend the Kistna left bank canal in Kistna district for irrigation purposes through Bezwada, Gudivada and Divi taluks is at present; and

(b) what is the area that is likely to be irrigated under the extension?

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A.—(*a*) The investigation will be undertaken by a special division proposed to be formed from 1st April 1929 for the investigation of proposals for the extension of irrigation in the Kistna delta consequent on the installation of six feet shutters over the Kistna anicut.

(*b*) An area of 35,000 acres of short crop and 4,000 acres of long crop is expected to be brought under irrigation under the proposed extension of irrigation referred to above. A portion of this extension will be under the East bank canal. The exact area will be determined after the investigation has been completed.

Proposed transfer of draughtsmen and overseers from Bezwada Circle to Cauvery-Mettur Project.

* 1376 *Q.*—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to transfer any of the permanent draughtsmen, overseers or clerks from Bezwada Circle to Cauvery-Mettur Project and, if so, how many men are to be transferred;

(*b*) whether there is any Government Order that appointments in the subordinate grades should be on a linguistic basis, and if so, whether that Government Order would be adhered to in drafting men to Mettur;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a knowledge of Tamil, the mother tongue of the labourers and workmen at Mettur, is essential on the part of the subordinate staff for the satisfactory discharge of their duties;

(*d*) if so, whether Government have considered the advisability of transferring only Tamil-knowing men to Mettur; and

(*e*) how many men on the permanent staff in Bezwada Circle belong to the southern districts and whether they would be preferred to Andhras in selecting men for transfer to Mettur?

A.—(*a*) The Engineer-in-Chief, Cauvery-Mettur Project, has been authorized by Government to choose the subordinate executive and clerical staff required for the project from the permanent establishment of all the Public Works Department circles. It is possible that some men from the Bezwada Circle have been chosen by the Engineer-in-Chief.

(*b*) There is a Government order that public offices should as far as possible be manned by persons speaking the language of the areas in which the offices are The order is based on considerations for the interests of the public doing business with the offices.

(*c*) The Government do not think so.

(*d*) Please see answer to clause (*c*).

(*e*) The Government have no information in regard to the number of men on the permanent staff of the Bezwada Circle belonging to the southern districts. The Engineer-in-Chief in making his selection doubtless takes the language question into consideration, but the Government presume that the capacity of the officials would be a more important determining factor.